

City of Sandy Springs Board of Ethics Meeting was held at Sandy Springs City Hall, 7840 Roswell Road, Building 500, Sandy Springs, Georgia, 30350, on July 13, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.

Call to Order

Chairman Ted Sandler called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Roll call

City Clerk Michael Casey called the roll.

Board Members Present: Ted Sandler, Kevin King, Stuart Steinmark, Cindy Johnson, Lorrie Mell. Dick Isenberg and David Price were absent.

Staff and Representatives Present: City Clerk Michael Casey, City Attorney Wendell Willard, and Assistant City Clerk Kelly Bogner

Ruling on Quorum

City Clerk Michael Casey stated a quorum was in place for the meeting.

Approval of Board minutes from April 13, 2011 meeting

Motion and Vote: Stuart Steinmark moved to approve the April 13, 2011, meeting minutes as amended. Kevin King seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Chairman Ted Sandler asked if any new business has occurred since the last meeting.

City Clerk Michael Casey responded no.

Stuart Steinmark asked if Chairman Sandler received notice from David Price that he would be absent from this meeting.

Chairman Sandler responded not that he recalls.

Stuart Steinmark asked about the attendance rules.

City Attorney Wendell Willard stated he believes the rule states if a person is not excused from two or three meetings in a certain time period, there is the option to have that person removed from the Board. He can look into this rule for the Board.

Stuart Steinmark stated on page two of the Bylaws and Rules of Procedure, Section 2.7 states "A member or alternate or who does not attend for two successive regular meetings of the Board may be removed from the Board by City Council."

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City Attorney Willard stated the Board's duty is to report the unexcused absence of a Board member to the Council and they would make the decision to take further action.

Chairman Sandler stated before a course of action is taken, he would like to contact David Price and ask if he desires to continue on the Board. If David Price would prefer not to continue on the Board, he can request the City Council to appoint a new member at the next City Council Meeting. If this does occur, since David Price is an alternate, Lorrie Mell would move up to the first alternate position.

Kevin King asked if there has been or will be a change in the way the City is managed.

City Attorney Willard stated previously the City had one contractor that performed most of the services within the City. During the past fiscal year City staff went through a review of the contract and received bids for new proposals. Through the selection process there will be five separate contractors that will perform the City services. The contractors have the responsibility for the employees in those departments. Most of the personnel that were working for the previous contractor were hired by the new contractors. At the last Board of Ethics meeting there was a discussion on how much oversight the Ethics Board has over the contract employees, which is very limited. If there is malfeasance by an individual employed by one of the contractors, City staff has the ability to request that person be removed.


Chairman Sandler asked if the Board has oversight of the appointed and elected officials.

City Attorney Willard responded yes. All City employees, which consists of Fire and Police personnel, are under the direction of their respective Chief and the City Manager.

Adjournment

Motion and Vote: Kevin King moved to adjourn the meeting. Stuart Steinmark seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

Date Approved: October 13, 2011



Ted Sandler, Chairman



Michael Casey, City Clerk